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Title:	IMPLANTATION OF LOW-PROFILE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE		

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On April 1, 2004, the undersigned spoke by telephone with the above-identified Examiner about the above-identified matter, and in particular, an Office Action dated March 17, 2005. No exhibits, demonstrations or prior art was discussed.

The undersigned asked for clarification with respect to the Office Action, and in particular, the election or elections that are governed by Office Action.

The Examiner clarified that Applicant should elect Group I(A) (pertaining to implanting a low-profile medical device) or Group I(B) (pertaining to implanting a dummy medical device).

The Examiner further stated that Applicant should elect a species of device. Applicant stated that the claims, specifically claims 1-17 pertaining to implanting a low-profile medical device, apply to a method applicable to all of the low-profile medical device species described in the application. The Examiner observed that dependent claim 14 recites a method that pertains to a particular device, specifically the device with a tether shown in FIG. 11.

The undersigned further requested clarification in that the sub-groups under Group II were non-exclusive. In particular, FIGS. 7, 8 and 12 showed the same device 12A, not different devices. The Examiner agreed that some of the sub-groups were not exclusive, and asserted that Applicant would be allowed to select multiple figures from Group II that pertain to the same device.

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